

### THE CALL OF SERVICE

Once more it is a pleasure to quote from an editorial article in the Saturday Evening Post. "None but a fool will decry the importance of religion and education. There are young men whose one idea is to accumulate enough money to enjoy themselves. But as men penetrate further into modern business life they find that it is not simply trading for dollars. Whatever motive leads the young man into business, he is soon caught up in the whirl of the mighty enginery of service, which is just as real if at times it is not wholly conscious. Surely all men recognize that business must be and is being increasingly shot through with the sense of duty, responsibility and service. Its task is too great, too vital, to be animated by any other spirit." These words are just as true of the practice of medicine as ever they were of business. Religion and education are absolute essentials for the real physician, and on them he builds his ideal of service. When any other ideal dominates the profession of medicine, then is it no longer a profession but pure quackery, with all the commercialism that always attends quackery.

### DIET AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE CALORIES

The fifth edition of the little book under this title bears stalwart witness to the fact that Dr. Lulu Hunt Peters, of Los Angeles, has struck a note of popular demand and scientific value. It has been stated often in these columns that one of the greatest duties and opportunities of the medical profession today was to interpret the great truths of medicine in intelligible terms to the non-medical public. Insofar as this is done, the medical profession is fulfilling its mission. This little book admirably serves to interest, entertain and instruct, and one cannot lay it down until it has been read through. It is the sort of thing we need for our patients; it is full of human interest, clever illustrations, arresting statements, and withal is clothed in sound scientific fact without misstatement or wrong implication. Its definition of "Medical Trust" and "League for Medical Ignorance" are worthy of repetition. It combines in a rare degree scientific accuracy, common sense, and attractive presentation for the lay reader, and we surmise many physicians will find instruction as well as entertainment in its pages. Not the least interesting fact about it is that its already large circulation is largest in Boston, the very home of Eddyism.

### NARCOTIC LAW INSTRUCTIONS

Register and pay tax on or before July 1, 1921, and avoid paying penalty.

Forms will be received by you on the first day of June, with instructions for filling them out, and an addressed envelope to return to Narcotic Division by affixing a 2-cent stamp.

Your registry number, the period you are to register for, has already been filled in on the forms, so only use the forms sent you.

If you have narcotics on hand or order forms in your possession, or intend to prescribe them during the next year, by all means register in the month of June, and do it in the early part of June, for you can get service and information if you desire it during the first three weeks in June, and avoid the crush and confusion during the last week.

As this notice is mostly read by doctors, the tax rate is \$3 per annum, which also applies to hospitals, sanatoriums. It is called Class 4, and also gives you the privileges of narcotic preparations under Section 6 of the law called Exempt Preparations, a great many which can be purchased without a prescription.

Stenographers, secretaries and nurses employed in doctors' offices who after June 1, 1921, find a Government addressed envelope with Narcotic Division, Room 107, stamped on the outside, kindly forward immediately to the doctor who employs you if he is away on a vacation, whether or not he has instructed you that he does not wish to be disturbed while away from the office. If you do not send him the forms, and he returns to his office after July 1, 1921, without registering, the excuse of being away on a vacation will not be sufficient to avoid paying penalty.

He can fill his forms out at whatever destination he is staying and have them sworn to. A suggestion that some one connected with the office make out his inventory if he has any narcotics in the office before forwarding it to him.

Notaries who call on doctors to register them in many cases have called on the Narcotic Department and received full information how to make out the forms, and in years passed they have brought the forms in correctly with the proper remittance.

When a notary hands you back your original inventory (Form 713), which you are required to keep, you have his seal and signature on that form as a receipt, and you can hold him liable if he does not turn in your forms and have your tax stamp issued on time.

The rates that the notaries charge for their services is no affair of this office; we are only making this suggestion for busy doctors who have not the time to call at the Narcotic Division of the Internal Revenue. Stamps will be sent to taxpayers from five to ten days after receipt of forms and remittance.

*Register by all means on or before July 1, 1921, and avoid penalty.*

More servants wait on man

Than he'll take notice of. In every path,

He treads down that which doth befriend him

When sickness makes him pale and wan.

Oh mighty love! Man is one world, and hath  
Another to attend him.

—George Herbert.